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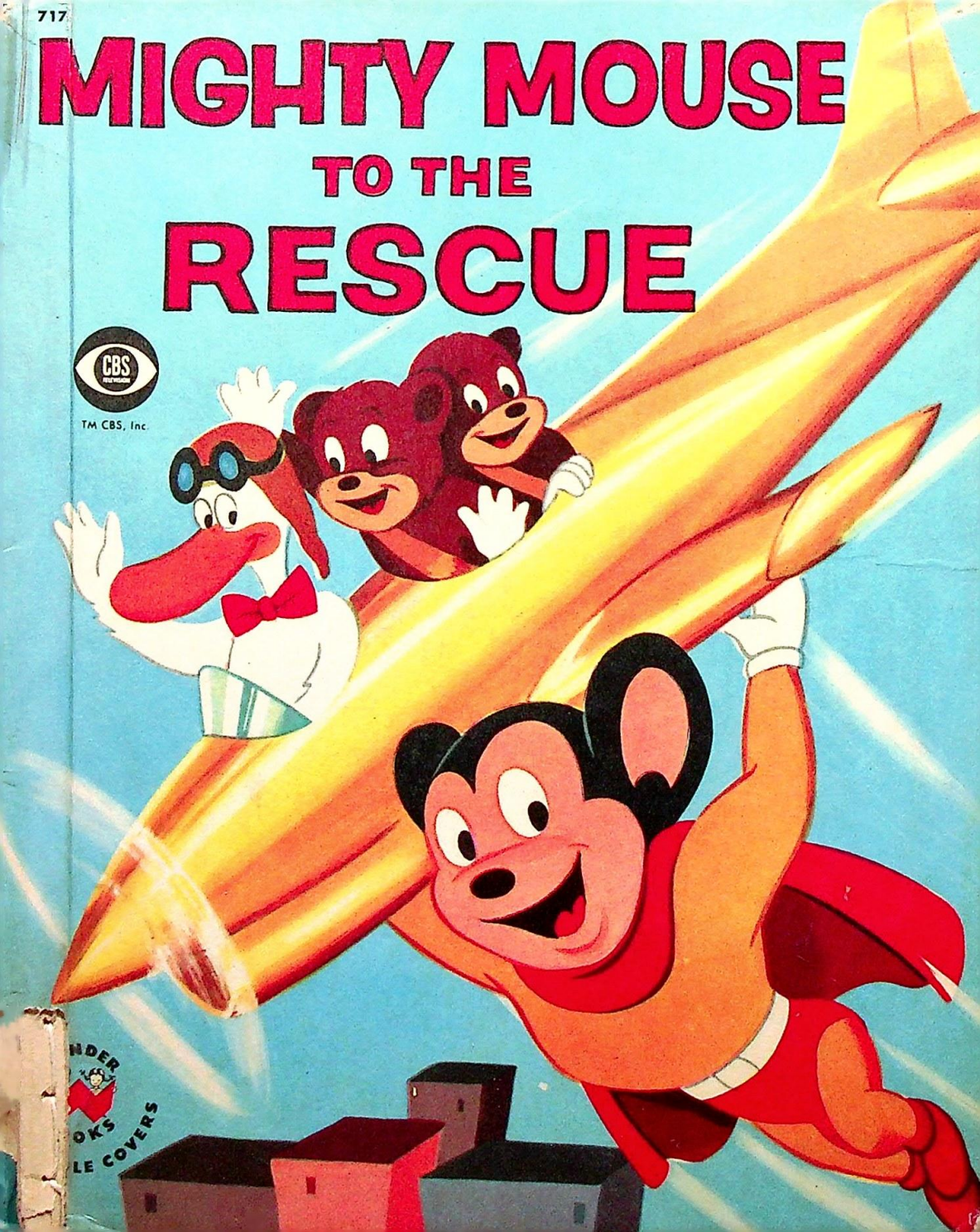

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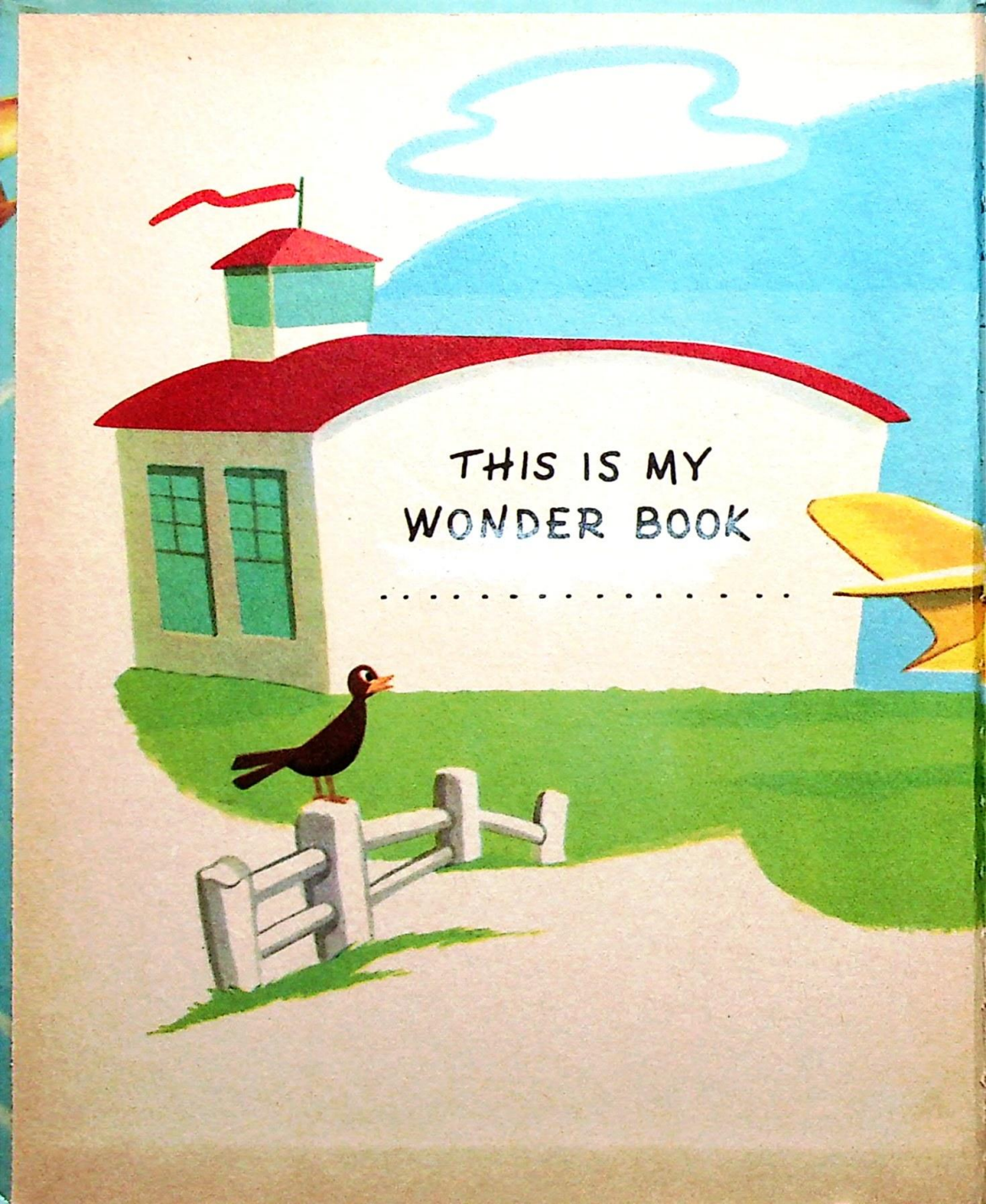
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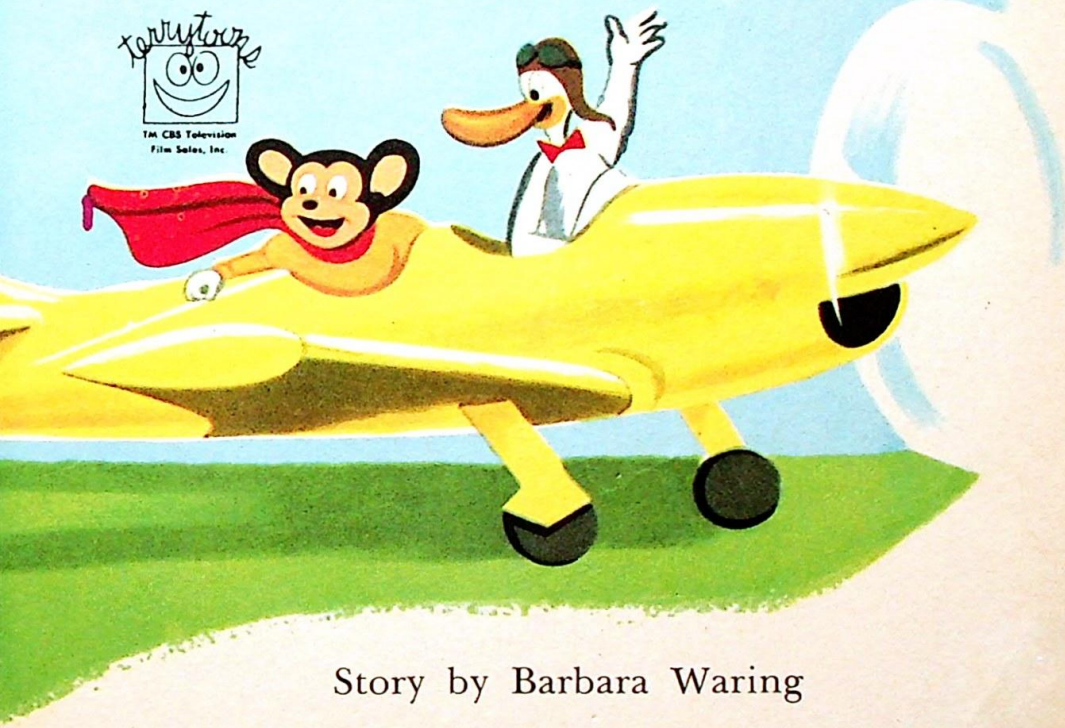

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IN TERRYTOWN it was called "the day the sky fell apart," for that was the day Gandy Goose built his own airplane from a Do-it-yourself Kit. He had all the parts in a big round box. He also had a little book to tell him how to put them together. But he forgot to read the book.

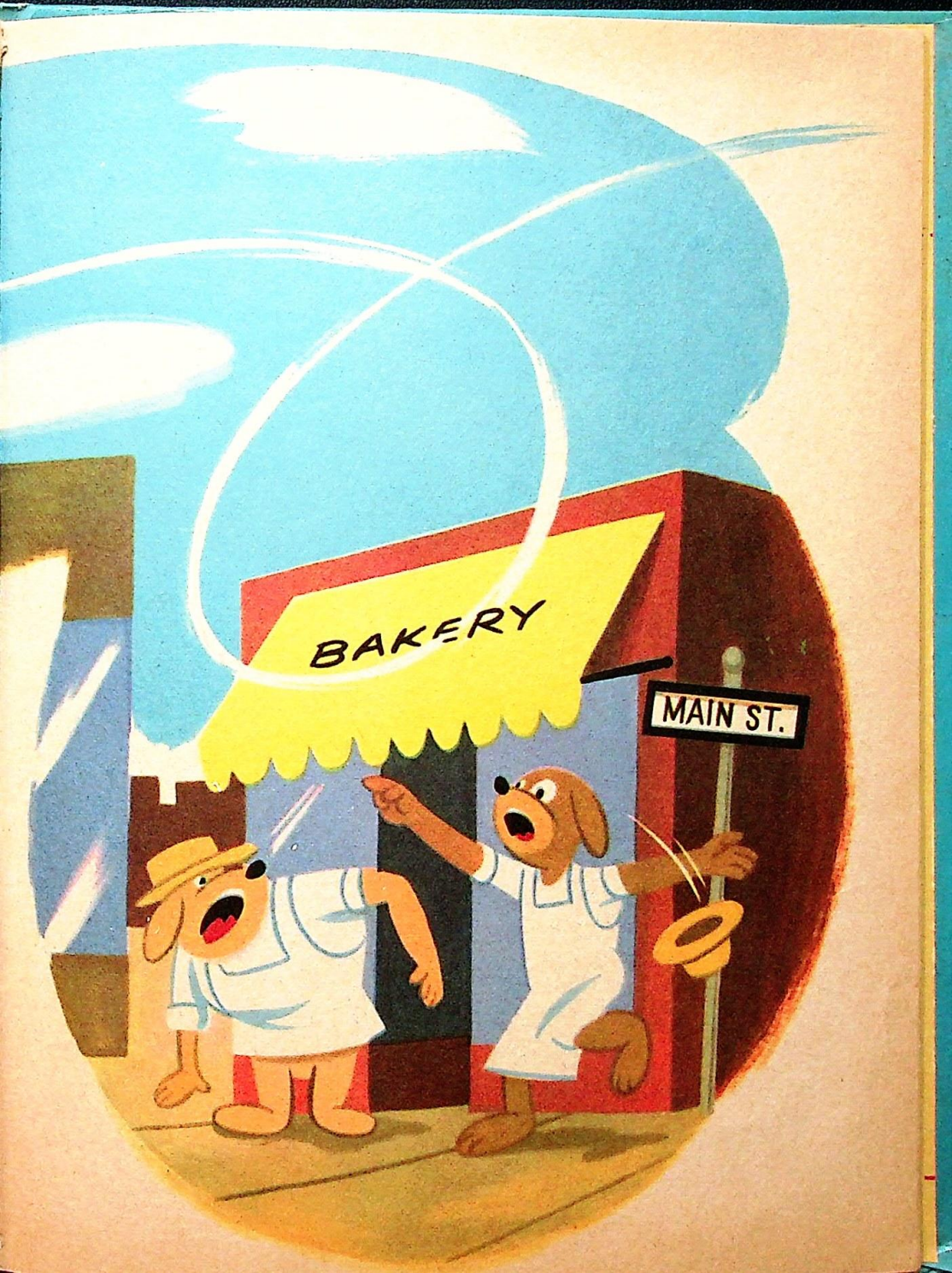
The Terry Bears watched closely as Gandy Goose put the body of the plane together on the grass upside down. They watched him put the wings on sideways, and the propeller on the tail and the wheels in the back. When Gandy finished, the

Terry Bears told him that it looked funny. A little brown bird, sitting on the fence, laughed impolitely. "It will never fly," he said and Gandy Goose had to agree. He got out the little book, read it carefully and started all over again.

When he finished, the Terry Bears begged for a ride in the little yellow airplane. They promised not to touch anything and scrambled into the pilot's seat. "You'll be sorry!" twittered the little brown bird as Gandy waddled around the plane to get in from the other side. Meantime, the Terry

Bears took one look at all the knobs and buttons on the panel and their fingers began to itch. One of those itchy fingers accidentally poked one of those buttons. The motor gave a snort and the little plane started bumping along the ground — *without Gandy Goose!*

"Run for your lives!" screeched the little brown bird as the yellow airplane hopped over a hedge and rose above the treetops. But Gandy Goose had already thrown himself flat on the ground and hidden his eyes from the awful sight. Soon the plane was dipping and swirling through the sky like a kite on the end of a string. Around and around it circled. Then it skimmed down low through Main Street. Heads popped out of windows and people rushed into the street. The baker was talking to the butcher when the plane flew between them and blew the baker's hat off his head.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The Terry Bears flew on through town. Farmer Al Falfa's wife was hanging clothes in the back yard when they zoomed right through a big white sheet and left a hole in it the shape of an airplane. They roared across Farmer Al Falfa's cornfield and cut a wide path through the cornstalks. Meantime,

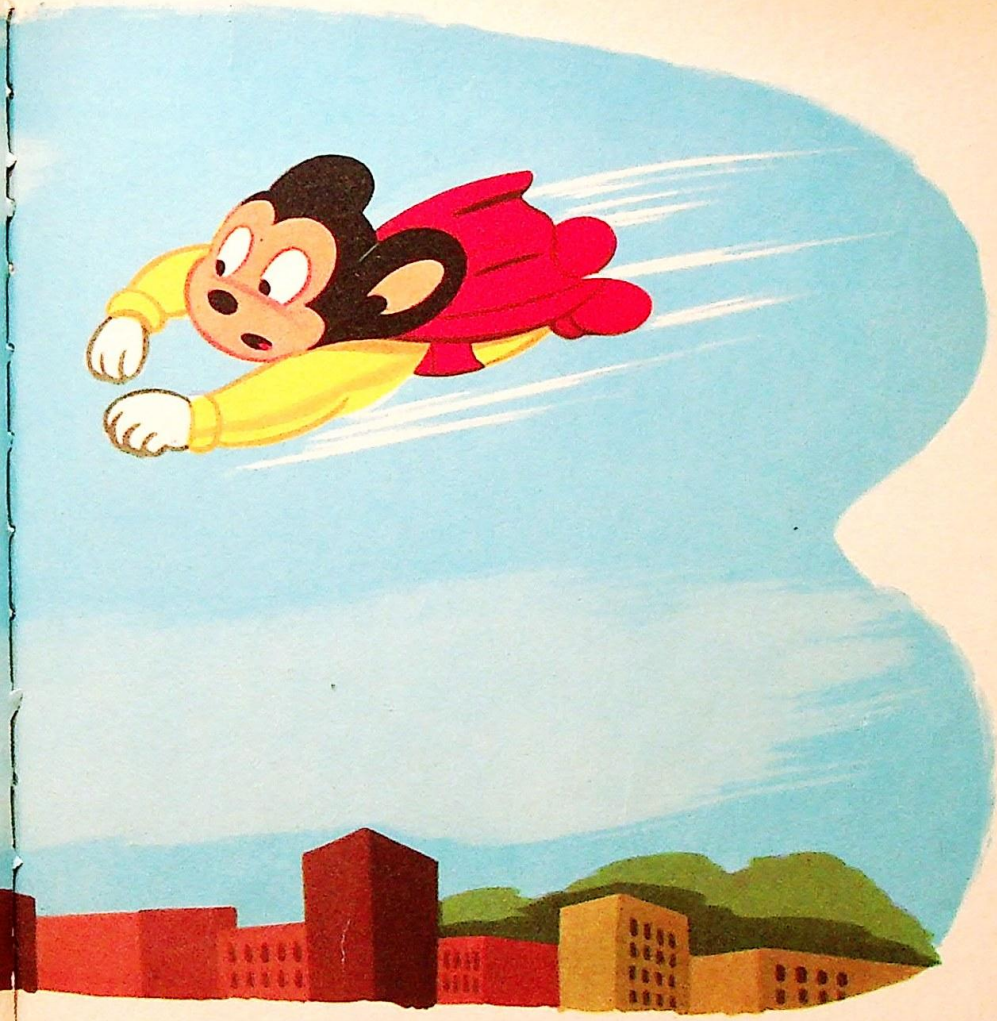
Gandy Goose had called out the Terrytown Chief of Police and the whole Terrytown Fire Department, but everyone was too excited to think of a way of getting the Terry Bears and the little yellow airplane out of the sky.

And oh, how those Terry Bears wished they were on solid ground! After a few dips and swoops they decided they would much rather be home. But how could they return? They pushed every button, dial and knob on the panel. They pulled a little stick back and forth and twisted it around, and still

the little plane stayed up. One Terry Bear was brave enough to look down at Terrytown, which was far, far below. The two little bears gave one last push and the plane dipped. They felt themselves falling . . . falling . . . falling.

While all this was going on, Mighty Mouse was cruising around and keeping a sharp eye out for trouble. Suddenly, he noticed something strange going on in a little patch of earth down below. He peered through his spyglass and discovered everyone in Terrytown looking up. But they weren't watching him – they were looking at something else. Then Mighty Mouse saw the little plane falling far below him and he saw the two little Terry Bears whirling around inside the plane. Could he make it in time to save them?

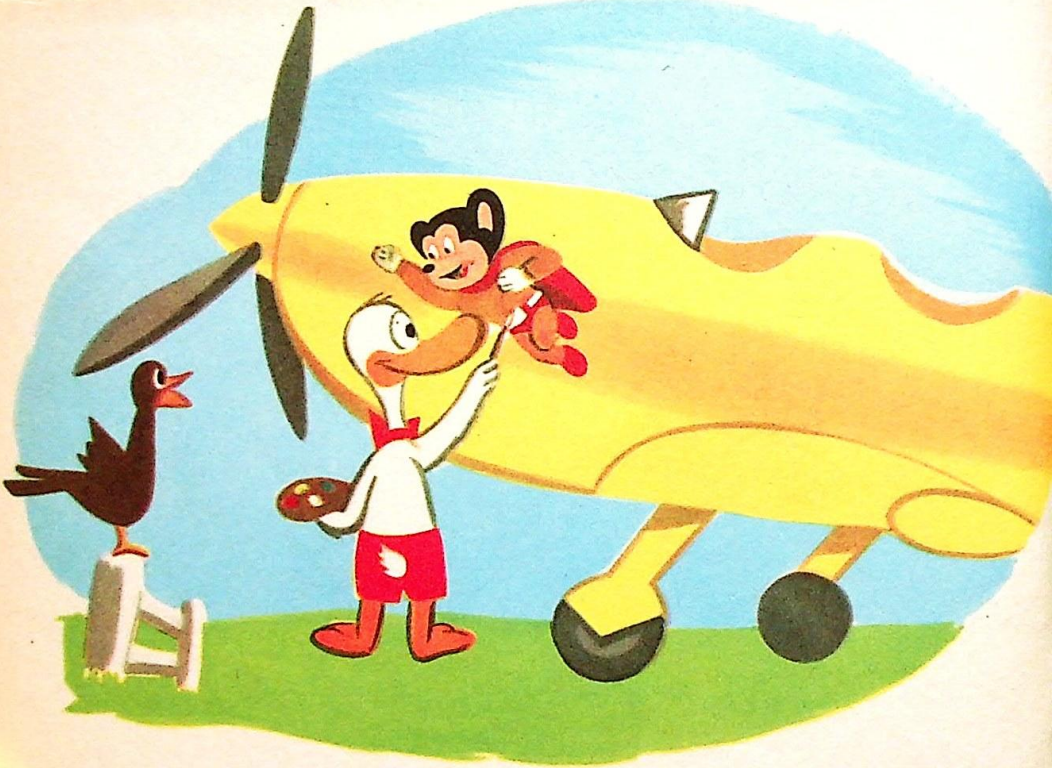
Upside down, rightside up, inside out, the Terry Bears tumbled over and over each other and only their strong leather seat belts kept them in the plane at all. The ground was coming closer and closer and closer.



Mighty Mouse flew as he had never flown before and soon the people of Terrytown saw him. They held their breaths. Would he be fast enough? Would he get to the little yellow airplane before it crashed to the ground?

The Terry Bears were so close to earth now that they could pick out the Town Hall tower. If nothing happened soon, they would crash right into it. But something *did* happen, and the little yellow plane came to a stop just a whisker away from the tower. The Terry Bears stuck their noses over the

side of the plane and found themselves staring at their good friend Mighty Mouse. He had made one giant leap over a cloud and caught the little plane before it could bump its nose on the tower. The Terry Bears had never been so happy to see Mighty Mouse. Naturally, the Mayor was very much delighted, too.



After everyone in Terrytown had thanked Mighty Mouse, Gandy Goose painted a picture of him on the nose of his little yellow airplane. Then Gandy parked it in a green meadow. Now everyone sits in it safely. "It will never fly," says the little brown bird, and he's right. Gandy Goose threw away the starter button!

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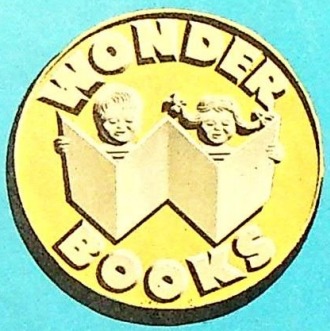

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